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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY FIVE-DAY WEEK IN MINING
INDUSTRY

1. ON AUGUST 5 MINES MINISTER BOTHA ANNOUNCED
COMPOSITION OF EIGHT-MEMBER COMMISSION TO STUDY CONSEQUENCES WHICH A FIVE-DAY WORK WEEK IN MINING INDUSTRY
WOULD HAVE IN ECONOMY.

2. COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCES ARE TO INVESTIGATE,
REPORT ON AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A FIVE-DAY WEEK
INVOLVING:
THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY IN THE SHORT AND LONG TERM

THE LIFE OF MINES.

EFFECTS ON MINES ALREADY CLASSIFIED AS MARGINAL

AND THE BIRTH OF MORE MARGINAL MINES.

OTHER FACTORS WHICH WILL BE STUDIED ARE INVESTMENT
IN THE MINING INDUSTRY, THE SUPPLY OF COAL,
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THE FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR

MINERS AND THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER ADJUST-
MENTS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE MADE.
MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE: PROF D G FRANZSEN,
PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
STELLENBOSCH; PROF F.Q. P. LEIDING, PROFESSOR IN
MINING ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA;
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MINING ENGINEER; MR. G.R. PARKER, MANAGING DIRECTOR
OF O'OKIEP COPPER COMPANY; MR A.D. VOS, RETIRED
DEPUTY GOVERNMENT MINING ENGINEER AND MR E.J.
SLABBERT, CHIEF MINE SURVEYOR (SECRETARY).
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